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Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of the Patent and Trademark Office, the applicants hereby make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application. According to PAIR, the amendment filed March 3, 2003, was forwarded to the examiner on March 18, 2003.

As 37 C.F.R. §1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicants need and therefore request a <u>written reply</u>. To date, a response has not been received to our requests for status filed on September 4, 2003, and March 12, 2004.

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